

## INTERNET POLICY

Advances in technology and changing needs of the community have resulted in the ability of the Guilderland Public Library to provide electronic information beyond the confines of its collection, allowing access to ideas, information and commentary from around the globe. Introduction of the Internet as an information resource greatly enhances the existing print and electronic resources.

The Guilderland Public Library offers basic access to the Internet within the context of its Materials Selection and Collection Development Policy, which states:

The Guilderland Public Library acquires materials for the public which will fill educational, informational and recreational needs of the community . These materials shall represent the broadest spectrum of print and non-print media available.

This policy is also consistent with the Library Bill of Rights, and seeks to protect the privacy and confidentiality rights of every library user.

The Internet is an unregulated medium. In addition to a wealth of tools and resources otherwise unobtainable, the Internet also permits access to information which some may find objectionable or disturbing. Since the Internet is a constantly changing environment, it is not possible for the Library to select or supervise the content. Therefore, all users are advised that Guilderland Public Library cannot be held responsible for security, accuracy, authenticity, or suitability of content.

The library is not responsible for any personal information that is sent out through the internet. Communications through the Internet should not be considered secure. Any personal information that is sent through the Internet, may potentially be intercepted by a third party using the Wireless Network.

Guilderland Public Library affirms that it is the right and responsibility of parents who are concerned about children's use of this or other library resources, in whatever format, to provide guidance to their own children. Minor's (under 16 years of age) will be allowed the use of computers in the Youth Services Department only. Youth Services Department computers will contain filtering software. The Library does not act in loco parentis, and is not responsible for enforcing any restrictions which a parent or guardian may place on a minor's (under 16 years of age) use of this resource.

A user may not attempt to violate the integrity of any information available through the Internet, or any systems accessible through this resource. A user may neither attempt to access secured files or systems nor cause any obstruction of use through actions such as consuming large amounts of system resources.

Each user is expected to obey all local, state and federal laws when using the Internet, including but not limited to copyright, fraud, obscenity, and privacy legislation. A user acknowledges the unauthorized reproduction, transfer or use of material accessed through this service may be a criminal offense under the United States Copyright Laws.

Use of the Internet or the Library's computer equipment by any individual to engage in illegal activity or criminal behavior is prohibited. Consistent with the Library's Confidentiality Policy, Safety, Security, and Emergency Procedures Manual and its Unattended Children Policy, the Library reserves the right to end an Internet session if it is deemed disruptive. Further, it reserves the right to take legal action if warranted, to ensure the security of the Library and the safety of patrons and staff.

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